

Open Space and Mountain Parks "Overarching Issues"



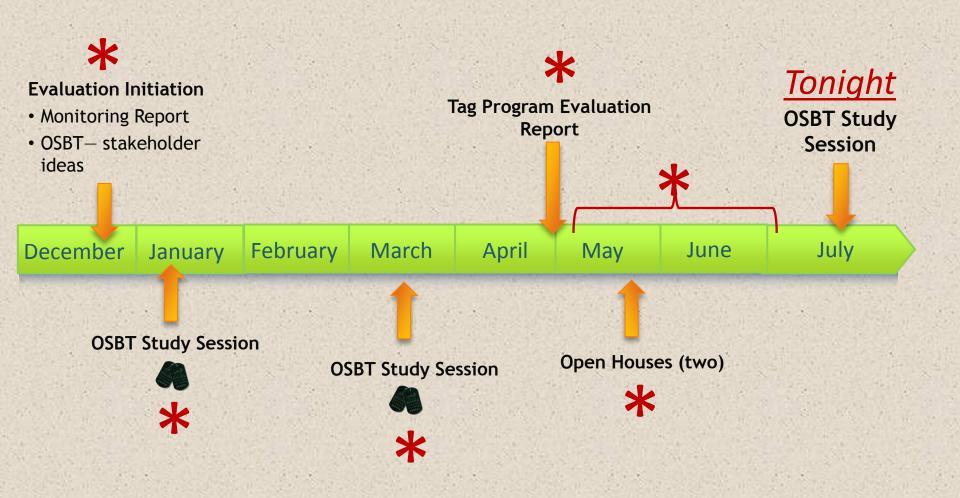
Voice and Sight Tag Program Evaluation







Tag Program Evaluation Timeline



Questions for the Board?

- Does the OSBT have any questions or comments on the Tag Program Evaluation?
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- What program enhancements does the OSBT suggest as being the most beneficial, feasible and cost-effective to achieve the objectives of the Tag Program?

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Evaluation Recommendations

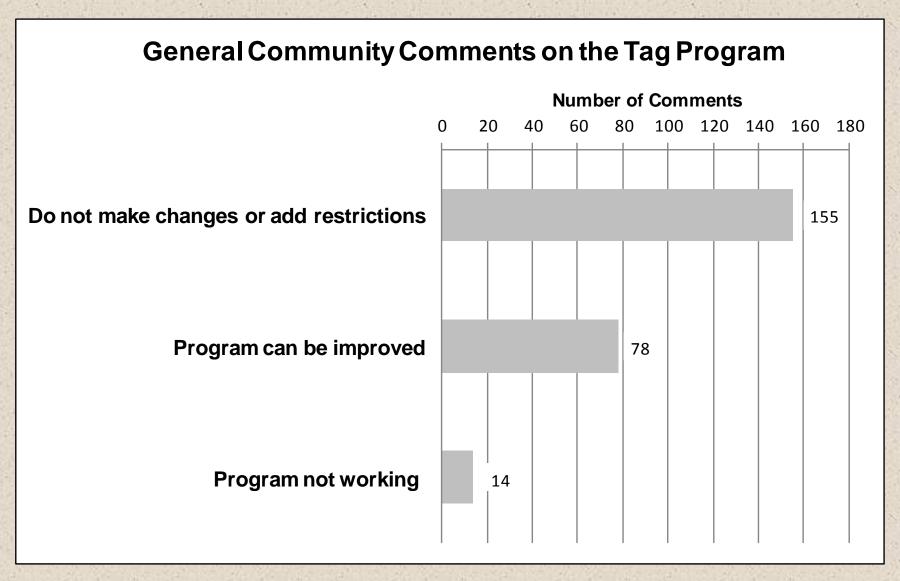
- No single enhancement would achieve the program's goal and objectives
- A comprehensive approach to improving the program will require a multi-pronged management approach
- Phase-in program changes and maintain a program that funds itself



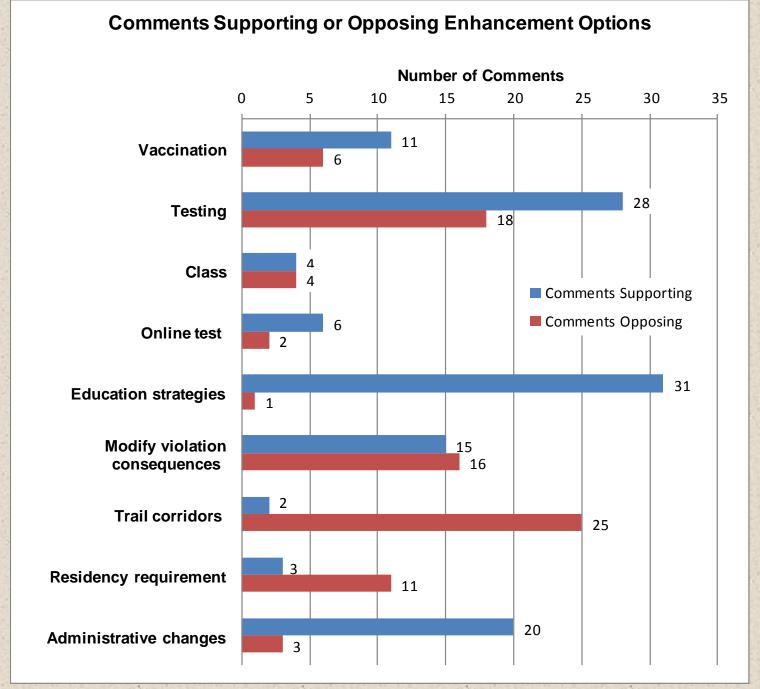
Evaluation Recommendations

- Actions selected should include:
 - Those that either verify the ability or increase the capability of guardians to understand and reliably exercise voice and sight control skills
 - Ensure appropriate sanctions for noncompliance
 - Address proof of rabies vaccination





247 of the 277 comments received provided some indication of support or not for program changes



206 comments received provided some indication of support or not for the evaluated program enhancement options

Issues

- Key Compliance Issue —
 Respond immediately to command
- Additional Options Tag Program enforcement
- Tag Program Enhancement
 Options Option packages



Key Compliance Issue

Ability of guardians to have their dogs respond immediately upon command

Boulder Revised Code definitions for voice and sight control—

"Failing to come to and stay with the guardian or keeper immediately upon command by such person."



Additional Options — Program Enforcement

- 45,000 acres; 146 miles of trail;
 85 miles allow voice and sight control
- Targeted or area-focused enforcement
 - Works best when there are area-specific issues
 - May increase compliance but not sustained when enforcement ends
 - Reduces ranger capacity to address other enforcement or visitor safety issues



Tag Program Enhancement Option Packages

		Option Packages				
	Enhancement Options	Alternative X	native X Alternative 1		Alternative 3	
	Require testing/demonstration of dog and guardian to comply with Tag Program requirements	-	✓	_	_	
62	Require attendance at an information session, skills demonstration, and/or skill class	_	_	✓	_	
	Require successful completion of an online voice and sight control test	_	_	_	✓	
	4) Require proof of vaccinations (e.g., vaccination number, City of Boulder dog license)	_	✓	✓	✓	
	5) Provide education, outreach, training and/or support peer to peer outreach (a range of options to be considered) (See Attachment A for education strategies)	1	✓	✓	✓	
1	6) Modify consequences for violations	_	•increase fines •revocation after two violations	•increase fines •revocation after two violations	•increase fines •revocation after one violation	
	7) Administrative Changes	_	•maintain differential fees; lower cost for City of Boulder residents •yearly registration renewal including watching the video	•maintain differential fees; lower cost for City of Boulder residents •yearly registratin renewal including watching the video	•maintain differential fees; lower cost for City of Boulder residents •yearly renewal including watching the video and taking the online test	
	8) Only allow voice and sight control in trail corridors	_	_	_	_	
	9) Establish residency requirements for participation in the Tag Program	_	_	-	_	

Prerequisites

	Option Packages			
Enhancement Options	Alternative X Alternative 1 Alternative 2		Alternative 3	
1) Require testing/demonstration of dog and guardian to comply with Tag Program requirements	_	✓	_	1
2) Require attendance at an information session, skills demonstration, and/or skill class		_	✓	1
3) Require successful completion of an online voice and sight control test	_	_	_	✓

What is an acceptable level of voice and sight control awareness and/or ability that must be demonstrated?

Core Options

	Option Packages				
Enhancement Options	Alternative X Alternative 1		Alternative 2	Alternative 3	
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Options related to other Overarching Issues

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8) Only allow voice and sight control in trail corridors		-		_
9) Establish residency requirements for participation in the Tag Program	_		_	_

Program Enhancement Option Packages

	Option Packages					
Enhancement Options	Community	FOBOS	FIDOS	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
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2) Require attendance at an information session, skills demonstration, and/or skill class			✓	_	√	-
Require successful completion of an online voice and sight control test	•		✓	_	_	✓
4) Require proof of vaccinations (e.g., vaccination number, City of Boulder dog license)		✓	√	✓	✓	✓
5) Provide education, outreach, training and/or support peer to peer outreach (a range of options to be considered)			✓	✓	✓	✓
6) Modify consequences for violations		√		✓	✓	✓
7) Administrative Changes	•		✓	✓	✓	✓
8) Only allow voice and sight control in trail corridors	U	✓		_	_	
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